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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy announced the filing of an indictment against Ricardo Diaz Esquilin, a/k/a "Diaz," Adalberto Noboa Quezada, a/k/a "Noboa," a/k/a "Gravy," Harold Martinez, a/k/a "Jarol," Junior Gonzalez Gonzalez, a/k/a "Bori," and Manuel Jimenez, a/k/a "Sandy," charging them with, one count of conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery, one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, one count of attempt to commit Hobbs Act robbery, and one count of possession of a firearm in relation to crime of violence and in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. These offenses arise from the defendants' conspiracy to commit armed robberies of drug dealers.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

| NAME | ADDRESS | YEAR OF BIRTH |
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| Ricardo Diaz Esquilin, a/k/a "Diaz," | Philadelphia, PA | 1981 |
| Adalberto Noboa Quezada, a/k/a "Noboa," a/k/a "Gravy," | Bronx, NY | 1978 |
| Harold Martinez, a/k/a "Jarol," | Bronx, NY | 1978 |
| Junior Gonzalez Gonzalez, a/k/a "Bori," | Bronx, NY | 1974 |
| Manuel Jimenez, a/k/a "Sandy," | Philadelphia, PA | 1983 |

If convicted, the defendants face maximum possible sentences of life imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment, a \$4,250,000 fine, at least five years supervised release and a \$400 special assessment.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mary E. Crawley and Special Assistant United States Attorney Josh A. Davison.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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